



EDMUND RICE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS NORTH AMERICA

# Province News

*"Cast all your cares into the arms of Divine Providence" Blessed Edmund Rice*

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## A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Father in Heaven,  
Creator of all and source of all goodness and love,  
please look kindly upon us  
and receive our heartfelt gratitude  
in this time of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings  
You have bestowed upon us,  
spiritual and temporal:  
our faith and religious heritage,  
our food and shelter, our health,  
the loves we have for one another,  
our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity,  
please grant us continued graces and blessing  
throughout the coming year.

This we ask in the Name of Jesus,  
Your Son and our Brother.

Amen.

[www.archtoronto.org](http://www.archtoronto.org)  
Prayer from [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org)

## Assignments / Appointments



The PLT has assigned Brother Tony Quinn to the St. Joseph's Residence Community in New Rochelle, NY, effective November 4, 2020.



**Br. Tony Quinn**



The PLT has assigned Bro. Damian Ryan to the staff of St. Joseph's Residence, effective January 1, 2021. Damian will both minister and reside at St. Joe's.

**Br. Damian Ryan**

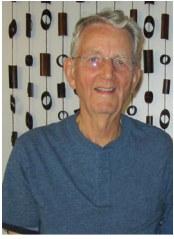


**Br. John  
Buckingham**

The PLT has assigned Brother John Buckingham to the Christian Brothers – Mulmur Community in Mulmur, ON, effective November 17, 2020.

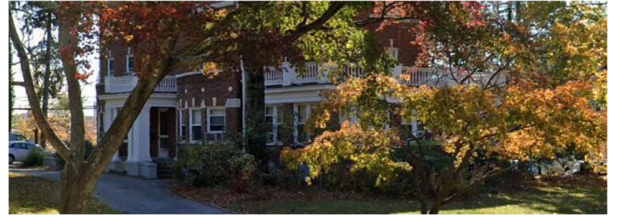




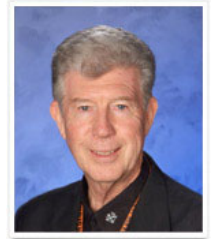


**Br. Bill  
Stevens**

The PLT has assigned Brother Bill Stevens to the All Saints Community in New Rochelle, NY, effective January 1, 2021.



The PLT has named Brother Sean Moffett Acting Director of the Christian Brothers Foundation, effective November 14, 2021



**Br. Sean  
Moffett**



The Members of the Corporation of Damien Memorial School in Honolulu, HI have appointed Brother Edward Brink, S.M., Deacon Michael Weaver and Brother Tom Murphy (Chair) to serve as members of the schools Sponsor Council, effective December 1, 2020.



**Br. Edward Brink**



**Br. Tom Murphy**

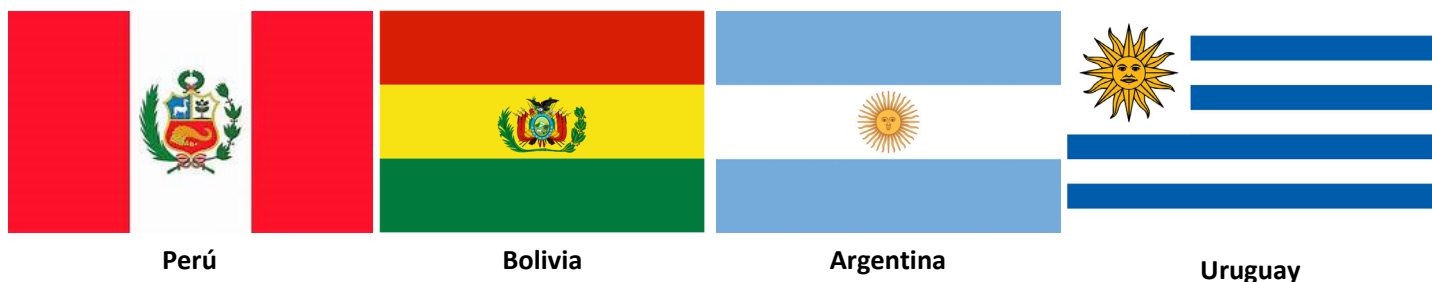


**Deacon Michael  
Weaver**

## Latin America Mission Area



Following a year-long exploration of how best to serve the people of Latin America, it has been decided that as of December 31, 2020 the current Latin American Region will be dissolved so that the new Latin America Mission Area of the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province can commence on January 1, 2021.



The LAMA has established three working groups to carry out the mission and ministry of the Congregation in Latin America. These groups and their coordinators are:

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|------------------|------------------------|
| * Brothers' Life | Brother Miguel Córdova |
| * Mission        | Brother Ricardo Glatz  |
| * Finance        | Brother Ever Cieza     |



**Br. Miguel Córdova**



**Br. Ricardo Glatz**



**Br. Ever Cieza**



**Br. Hugo  
Cáceres**

In addition, Brother Kevin Griffith (Province Leader) with the consent of the PLT and in consultation with our Brothers in Latin America, has appointed Brother Hugo Cáceres to serve as the LAMA Delegate. Hugo will coordinate the works of the working groups and serve as the liaison with the Province Leader.

We thank each of these brothers for taking on these new roles and responsibilities and we offer them our support.



**Br. Kevin Bernard**

As well, we thank Brothers Hugo Cáceres (Region Leader), Kevin Bernard (Deputy Region Leader) and Michael Lynch (Councillor) for their service to the Region.



**Br. Michael Lynch**



## **TO REKINDLE OUR BROTHERHOOD**

We thank all those Brothers throughout the Province who participated in the most recent virtual generative conversations regarding the rekindling of our Brotherhood. The November conversations focused on: Why am I a Christian Brother (what gives me meaning; how do I see my identity as a Christian Brothers; and what characterizes me as a Religious)?

We will soon be receiving information on the next round of the Zoom conversations. We encourage our Brothers to participate in this unique international opportunity to engage with Brothers from around the Congregation.



## Initial Formation Retreat



Br. Robert Droel

On Saturday, November 14, 2020 Brothers Robert Droel, Ted Dausch, Sean Moffett, and Michael Segvich came together virtually, to participate in the annual Initial Formation Retreat. The Retreat was led by Formation Director, Brother Peter O'Loughlin. The Retreat was focused on two articles: *New Wine, Fresh Skins!* by Brother Sean Moffett and *The Hope of Discernment and Decision Making in Uncertain Times* by Marion K. Diaz. Following an opening prayer, each member of the group spoke about how things have been during these difficult days of the pandemic. Following some quiet reflective time each member shared insights from the two articles. The retreat ended with a closing prayer. All agreed that the Zoom Retreat worked very well and was a positive way of connecting when in person visits are on hold. Another Retreat is being planned for the early Spring.



Br. Ted Dausch



Br. Sean Moffett



Br. Michael Segvich



Br. Peter O'Loughlin

## Partners in Education

Partners in Education Workshops took place on both November 7, 2020 and November 14, 2020. These were conducted virtually by the Office of Educational Services. Twenty-four new directors of boards from All Hallows, Bergen Catholic, Br. Rice (IL), Br. Rice (MI), Catholic Memorial, Iona Prep, Palma and St. Laurence attended. These workshops serve to orient new board members to the charism of Blessed Edmund Rice, the relationship with the school corporation in civil and canon law, and the *Essential Elements of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother Education*. A note of thanks to Cris Ritchie-Bonomo, Mr. Tom Gambardella and Brother Tom Murphy from OES, who coordinated these workshops.



Cris Ritchie-Bonomo



Br. Tom Gambardella



Br. Tom Murphy

## Virtual Immersion – Lima, Peru



Br. Steve Casey

Attached, please find a document from Brother Steve Casey announcing the establishment of a virtual immersion experience for our schools in Lima, Peru, beginning February 2021. This innovative opportunity to construct houses for the poor and marginalized living in the hills of Lima is a great way to participate in the Province's immersion program. We encourage our schools in North America to take advantage of this unique and creative way of reaching out to those in need.



The Hills of Canto Grande and Jicamarca

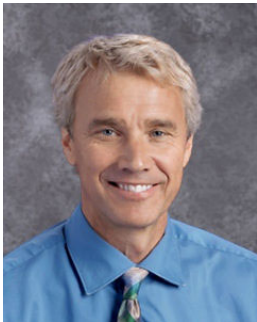
## The Murphy Centre



The Murphy Centre in St. John's, NF was founded by the Christian Brothers in 1986. Today, it offers individuals three options to complete a high school or equivalency diploma, as well as a wide range of career services designed to meet the unique needs of individuals. The Edmund Rice Christian Brothers North America Province is proud to continue our support for this worthwhile ministry to the people of St. John's. Please click on the link below to view information regarding the Murphy Centre's *Inspiring Lives Annual Appeal*.

<https://murphycentre.ca/development/whats-happening/>

Palma School Prison Ministry  
“Exercises in Empathy”



Jim Micheletti

For several years now the Palma School in Salinas, CA has been involved in prison ministry under the direction of Mr. Jim Micheletti and Mia Mirassou, the schools Campus Ministers. The program, ***Exercises in Empathy***, allows Palma students and local men in prison to read and discuss literature and how it affects their lives. This program will be featured on CNN at 9:00 pm (EST) on November 29, 2020 during ***This is Life*** with Lisa Ling.



Mia Mirassou



Click on [www.palmaschool.com](http://www.palmaschool.com) to see the CNN original series promo video.

Please click on the below link for a preview of what will air.

<https://youtu.be/HPImQnC-K8E>



## Iona College Scholarship



In early November, Iona College in New Rochelle, NY announced the following:

*"Effective today, all graduates of an Edmund Rice Christian Brother high school who are admitted to Iona College as first-time full-time freshmen, will be eligible to receive the Christian Brothers Legacy Scholarship, which will provide a minimum of a 50% tuition scholarship to Iona College, renewable each year contingent upon continuous full-time undergraduate enrollment at the College!"*



**Dr. Seamus Carey**

At present, this applies to all US high schools in the North American Consortium of Edmund Rice Schools. Iona College is currently exploring ways to extend this to our schools in Canada and Dominica. We are most grateful to Dr. Seamus Carey (President) and Mr. Kevin O'Sullivan (Senior Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs) for their generosity in making these scholarships available. We encourage all of our schools to take advantage of this unique opportunity to engage with Iona College.



**Kevin O'Sullivan**

## Monsignor Farrell High School



Congratulations to Monsignor Farrell High School in Staten Island, NY as it begins at 60<sup>th</sup> year of educating young men. In modernizing its facility, the school established the new **Brother Henry S. Wright Learning Commons**. Brother Wright who passed away in 2017 spent more than 40 years teaching and coaching at Farrell. Please click the link below to read more about Monsignor Farrell High School.



<https://www.silive.com/news/2020/10/as-monsignor-farrell-enters-its-60th-year-the-school-turns-a-corner-modernizing-its-facility-and-curriculum.html>

## Religious Brothers Conference



On November 17, 2020 the Religious Brothers Conference issued a justice statement condemning all forms of racism in society.

Please see the attachment.

## History of the Institute

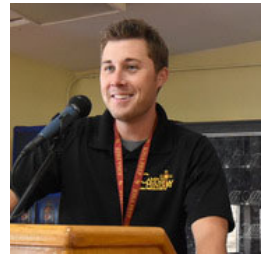


In early November, the Congregation issued a publication: ***Christian Brothers: History of the Institute 2020***. This publication is for the Brothers only. It has been sent out electronically to every Brother in the Province; it will be bound in the near future, with a copy for each community.

## Mission Frère-Advocacy



The Province's Mission Frère - Advocacy initiative, under the direction of Mr. Sean D'Alfonso, recently published the latest issue of NorAm. This issue contains an article chronicling 15 years of immersion in Peru. To view this story and more, click on the below link.



Sean D'Alfonso

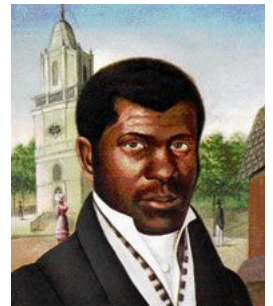
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## Pierre Toussaint Virtual Gala



Br. Tyrone Davis

The annual Pierre Toussaint Scholarship Fund Gala took place virtually on November 2, 2020. The event was sponsored by the Archdiocese of New York's Office of Black Ministry, under the direction of Bro. Tyrone Davis. To view the event, please click on the below link.



Venerable Pierre  
Toussaint

<https://archny.org/ministries-and-offices/cultural-diversity-apostolate/black-ministry/>



### **African Province Leadership Team**

Congratulations to the newly appointed Africa Province Leadership Team, Brothers:

- ❖ Alfred Banda (Province Leader)
- ❖ Amandi Mboya (Deputy Province Leader)
- ❖ Senan D'Souza (Councillor)
- ❖ Albert Gomez (Councillor)
- ❖ Paul Luseni (Councillor)
- ❖ George Massey (Councillor)
- ❖ Andrew Turay (Councillor)



**Br. Alfred Banda**



**Br. Amandi Mboya**



**Br. Senan D'Souza**



**Br. Albert Gomez**



**Br. Paul Luseni**



**Br. George Massey**



**Br. Andrew Turay**

Here in North America, we are especially proud of Alfred and Amandi who completed their degrees at Iona College.

## Pope Francis' Address on Education



In mid-October while addressing the *Congregation for Catholic Education* and educators all over the world, Pope Francis called for a *Global Compact on Education*. In his address Pope Francis called upon families, communities, schools, universities, religions, governments, and the entire human family to commit to a global pact on education. To view the entire address, click on the below links.



[http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2020/documents/papa-francesco\\_20201015\\_videomessaggio-global-compact.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/pont-messages/2020/documents/papa-francesco_20201015_videomessaggio-global-compact.html)

[http://ercbna.org/Christian\\_Brothers.php?op=Article\\_Pope+Francis+Announces+Global+Com%20pact+on+Education](http://ercbna.org/Christian_Brothers.php?op=Article_Pope+Francis+Announces+Global+Com%20pact+on+Education)

## Attachments

1. Peru Virtual Immersions- House Construction in the Hills of Lima, Peru.
2. Religious Brothers Anti-Racism Statement

## CALENDAR of Events

December 01, 2020	Congregation Leadership Group Zoom Call
December 12, 2020	PLRT – Advent Zoom Reflection.
December 14-17, 2020	PLT meetings in Elizabeth, NJ.
January 07, 2021	PLT Zoom call with the CLT

### Please Pray For

- All of our ill Brothers, family members and colleagues; especially those impacted by COVID-19.
- Brother Dominic Garduah, (Africa Province) who remains missing in Liberia.



### Repose of the Soul of ...

- † Brother Thomas Andrew Prendergast.
- † Brother Vincent Mallya (Africa Province).
- † Gloria Gildner, aunt of Brother Tom LeJeune (Mater Dei Community).
- † Mr. Peter Sassi, brother of Brother Dominic Sassi (European Province).
- † Mr. Michael Devlin, brother of Brother Michael Devlin (Iona College Community)
- † Shirley Cari, past Development Director at Brother Rice High School, Chicago.
- † Mr. Nick Markulin, former soccer Coach at Brother Rice High School., Chicago
- † Mr. Patrick Quinn, Iona College '06, co-founder of the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge
- † The mother of Kathy Birnbaum, St. Joseph's Residence, Board Director
- † Dr Braun, a graduate of Bergen Catholic, and a long-time doctor of the Brothers at Bergen.

